

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 20-28, 30-43, 45-59, 61, and 62 are pending, in which claims 1-19, 29, 44 and 60 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 20, 30, 36, 39, 45, 46, 53 and 62 are currently amended. No new matter is introduced.

First, Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the courtesy of an interview granted to Applicants' attorney on November 13, 2009 at which time the subject invention was explained in light of Applicants' disclosure, the outstanding issues were discussed. During the interview, Applicants' representative discussed certain claim language to overcome the § 112, first paragraph and second paragraph rejections.

Claim Objection

Claim 62 is objected to because of minor informalities. In order to overcome this objection, Applicant has amended claim 62 to recite, "...wherein the network node comprises..." instead of "a network node comprising." Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the objection of claim 62 is moot.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

Claims 20-62 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Independent claims 20, 36, 39, 46, 53 and 62 have been amended in light of the discussion with the Examiner on November 13, 2009. Applicant has also amended claims 46 and 53 to introduce an additional element "a memory." These amendments overcome the 35

U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph rejection in that the features of amended claims 20, 36, 39, 46, 53 and 62 are fully supported by the specification.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph rejections have been overcome.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 20-62 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Independent claims 20, 36, 39, 46, 53 and 62 have been amended in light of the discussion with the Examiner on November 13, 2009. It is respectfully submitted that the claims, as amended, particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejections have been overcome.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

Claims 20-22, 24, 26, 28, 36, 37, 53, 54, 58 and 59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Greis et al. Claims 23, 25, 27, 38-43, 46-50, 55, 57 and 62 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Greis in view of Dorenbosch et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The Office Action states that claims 29-35, 44-45, 51-52 and 60-61 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, independent claims 20, 36, 39, 46, 53

and 62 have been amended to recite the allowable subject matter, “wherein said encapsulated application level message comprises a complete session initiation protocol message.” Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted amended independent claims 20, 36, 39, 46, 53 and 62, and each of the claims depending therefrom are allowable.

Therefore, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Therefore, the present application, as amended, overcomes the objections and rejections of record and is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested. If any unresolved issues remain, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney at (703) 519-9952 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 504213 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully Submitted,

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